What is claimed is:

1. A conversation support system for supporting a plurality of users in having a virtual conversation in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, comprising:

enrolling means for enrolling an avatar of a log-in user into said shared virtual space;

imparting means for imparting a virtual mobile telephone to each avatar in said shared virtual space, said virtual mobile telephone being usable therein;

determination means for determining, in response to a call from said virtual mobile telephone, whether a calling party who originated said call exists in said shared virtual space; and

connecting means for executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made by said determination means.

2. The conversation support system according to claim 1, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in real world, said connecting means establishes connection with said calling party through a public telephone network in the real world and/or executes message transfer.

3. The conversation support system according to

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claim 1, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in another virtual space, said connecting means establishes connection with said telephone in another virtual space and/or executes message transfer.

4. The conversation support system according to claim 1, wherein said connecting means receives said call from said telephone in real world and/or said telephone in another virtual space and connects the received call to a virtual mobile telephone of a called avatar in said shared virtual space.

5. A conversation support system for supporting a plurality of users in having a virtual conversation in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, comprising:

enrolling means for enrolling an avatar of a log-in user into said shared virtual space;

imparting means for imparting a virtual public telephone usable by any enrolled avatar to said shared virtual space at a predetermined place;

determination means for determining, in response to a call from said virtual public telephone, whether a calling party who originated said call exists in said shared virtual space; and

connecting means for executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made by said determination means.

6. The conversation support system according to claim 5, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in real world, said connecting means establishes connection with said calling party through a public telephone network in real world and/or executes message transfer.

7. The conversation support system according to claim 5, wherein, if said caller originated said call from a telephone in another virtual space, said connecting means establishes connection with said telephone in another virtual space and/or executes message transfer.

8. A conversation support method for supporting a plurality of users in having a virtual conversation in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, comprising the steps of:

enrolling an avatar of a log-in user into said shared virtual space;

imparting a virtual mobile telephone to each avatar in said shared virtual space, said virtual mobile telephone being usable therein;

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determining, in response to a call from said virtual mobile telephone, whether a calling party who originated said call exists in said shared virtual space; and

executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made in said determination step.

9. The conversation support method according to claim 8, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in real world, said connecting step establishes connection with said calling party through a public telephone network in the real world and/or executes message transfer.

10. The conversation support method according to claim 8, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in another virtual space, said connecting step establishes connection with said telephone in another virtual space and/or executes message transfer.

11. The conversation support method according to claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a call from a telephone in real world and/or a telephone in another virtual space;

determining whether said call is directed to an avatar existing in said shared virtual space; and

if a decision made in the determination step is affirmative, connecting said call to a virtual telephone of said avatar.

12. A conversation support method for supporting a plurality of users in having a virtual conversation in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, comprising the steps of:

enrolling an avatar of a log-in user into said shared virtual space;

imparting a virtual public telephone usable by any enrolled avatar to said shared virtual space at a predetermined place;

determining, in response to a call from said virtual public telephone, whether a calling party who originated said call exists in said shared virtual space; and

executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made in said determination step.

13. The conversation support method according to claim 12, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in real world, said connecting step establishes connection with said calling party through a public telephone network in the real world and/or executes message transfer.

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14. The conversation support method according to claim 8, wherein, if said calling party originated said call from a telephone in another virtual space, said connecting step establishes connection with said telephone in another virtual space and/or executes message transfer.

15. A conversation support method for supporting an activity of an avatar in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for sending a message from said avatar;

determining whether a destination of said message exists in said shared virtual space; and

executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made by the determining step.

16. The conversation support method according to claim 15, wherein, if said destination of said message is found in real world, said connecting step establishes connection with said destination through a public telephone network in real world and/or executes message transfer.

17. A conversation support method for supporting an activity of an avatar in a shared virtual space built

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and provided on a computer network, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for sending a message from a source in real space through a public telephone network in real world;

determining whether a destination of said message exists in said shared virtual space; and

if a decision made by the determining step is affirmative, sending said message to said avatar.

18. A program storage medium storing a computer program in a computer readable form for executing processing on a computer system for supporting a virtual conversation in which a plurality of users can participate in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, said computer program comprising the steps of:

enrolling an avatar of a log-in user into said shared virtual space;

imparting a virtual public telephone usable by any enrolled avatar to said shared virtual space at a predetermined place;

for determining, in response to a call from said virtual public telephone, whether a calling party who originated said call exists in said shared virtual space;

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and

executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made in said determination step.

19. A program storage medium storing a computer program in a computer readable form for executing processing on a computer system for supporting a virtual conversation in which a plurality of users can participate in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, said computer program comprising the steps of:

enrolling an avatar of a log-in user into said shared virtual space;

imparting a virtual public telephone usable by any enrolled avatar to said shared virtual space at a predetermined place;

determining, in response to a call from said virtual public telephone, whether a calling party who originated said call exists in said shared virtual space; and

executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made in said determination step.

20. A program storage medium storing a computer program in a computer readable form for executing processing on a computer system for supporting a virtual

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conversation in which a plurality of users can participate in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, said computer program comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for sending a message from said avatar;

determining whether a destination of said message exists in said shared virtual space; and

executing connection processing in accordance with a decision made in the determining step.

21. A program storage medium storing a computer program in a computer readable form for executing processing on a computer system for supporting a virtual conversation in which a plurality of users can participate in a shared virtual space built and provided on a computer network, said computer program comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for sending a message from a source in real space through a public telephone network in real world;

determining whether a destination of said message exists in said shared virtual space; and

if a decision made in the determining step is affirmative, sending said message to said avatar.

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